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Mr. Raymond Murray  
Box 211  
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Dear Ray:

Since our discussion on June 9, 1988 I have talked with Charman Justice and with Bob Leake. As I now understand the situation, Mr. Reichle is diverting your water from your ditch as it crosses his property. Though we do not condone this practice there is little we can do to prevent it.

According to State Statute, the River Commissioner's responsibility ends when the water has been diverted from the stream channel. Charman has no responsibility or authority to settle disputes among water users along a ditch. This is a matter that must be resolved individually between you and Mr. Reichle or through civil action.

We have informed Mr. Reichle that his water cannot be delivered through your ditch until a right-of-way agreement has been reached.

If you have any other questions, contact me or Bob.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Sim, P.E.  
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CC: Charman Justice  
Bob Leake